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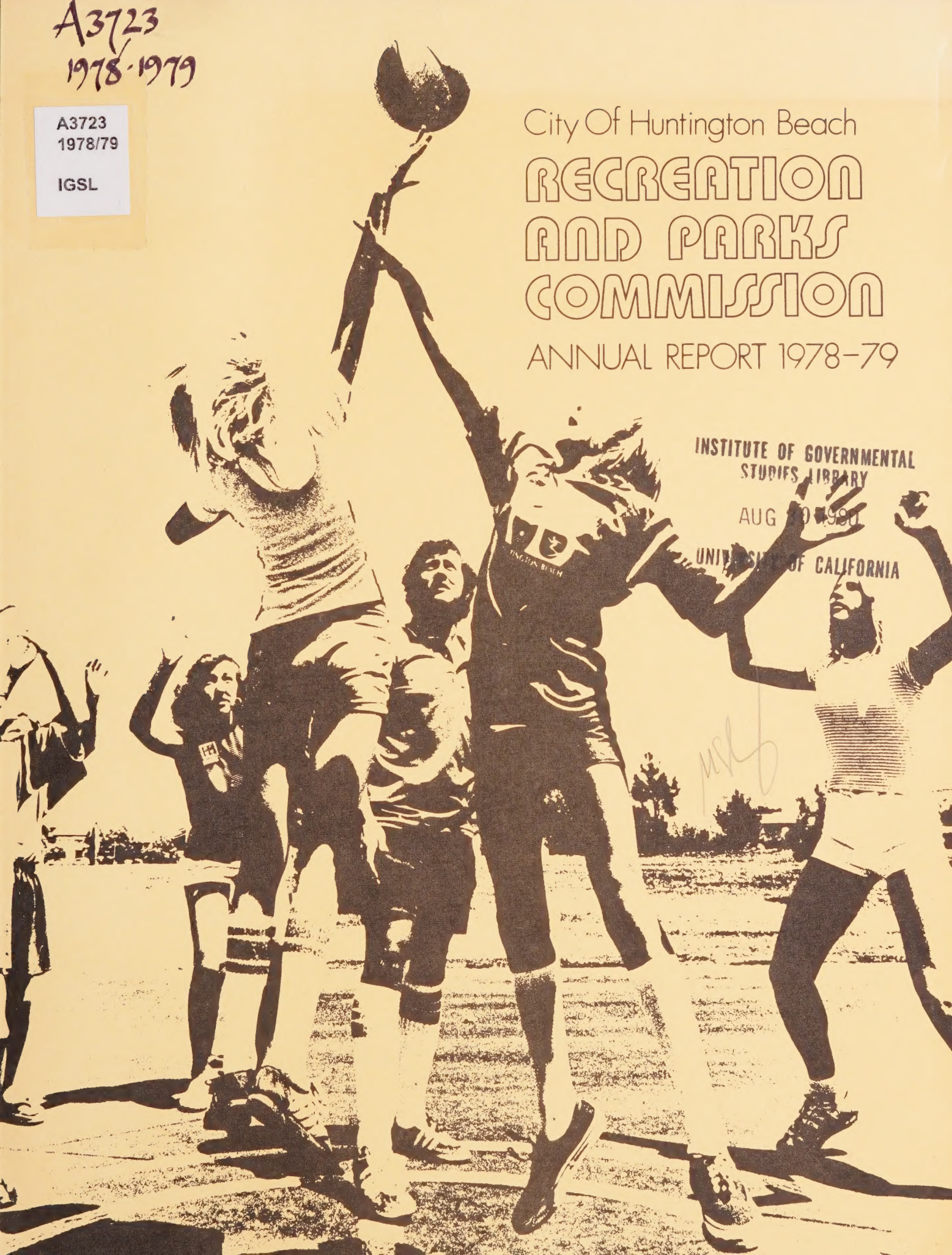
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HARBORS, BEACHES, RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

ORGANIZATION

In April, 1949 the first Recreation Commission, composed of five members serving five-year terms, was appointed by the City Council and given the authority to hire staff and run a City-wide recreational program. This operational structure continued for 14 years at which time the Commission was expanded to ten members, five appointed at large serving four year terms and five serving one-year terms, representing the four elementary and the Huntington Beach Union high school districts.

In 1965, the Recreation Commission was restructured by the City Council to become an advisory Recreation and Parks Commission with new authority to review and recommend on park acquisition and development matters. It was also expanded to 11 members to allow a representative from the Orange Coast Community College district to also serve in this volunteer capacity.

This operational structure continued until January, 1979 when the City Council merged the Harbors and Beaches Department with the Recreation, Parks and Human Services Department. The Commission was renamed the "Harbors, Beaches, Recreation and Parks Commission" with, again, expanded authority to advise on beach and harbor operations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Harbors, Beaches, Recreation and Parks Commission shall advise the City Council, school district boards of trustees and the Director of Harbors, Beaches, Recreation and Parks in all matters pertaining to harbors and beaches facilities, park acquisition, development and maintenance and recreational programming or facilities. Also the Commission shall cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound parks and recreational planning under the direction of the City Council. Commissioners may study, report and interpret the needs of the public to the City Council and may assist in securing financial support from the community for harbors, beaches, recreational and park needs. The Commission may review the annual budget as presented to the City Council and advise them on the current operational needs and long-range capital improvement needs.

MEETINGS

The Harbors, Beaches, Recreation and Parks Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street. Special meetings are called by the chairperson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected by the Commission at the July meeting each year. Mrs. Betty Kennedy was elected Chairperson and Mrs. Norma Vander Molen Vice-Chairperson in 1978.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Harbors, Beaches, Recreation and Parks Commission has five standing committees with each member serving on at least two committees with one or more staff members to provide technical assistance. The Chairperson serves as an Ex-officio member of all committees with voting privileges. Committees elect their own Chairperson and committee meetings are called when needed. Committee reports and recommendations are brought to the full Commission for their recommended actions.

1978-79 COMMITTEES

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY

Tom Cooper
Lee Mossteller (Chairman)
Bill Osness
Howard Roop
Norm Worthy (Staff)
Tom Bushard (Staff)
Vick Morris (Staff)
Betty Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

PLAY EQUIPMENT AND PARK MAINTENANCE

Joe Costa (Chairman)
Marilyn Jensen
Nancy Nemoede
Norma Vander Molen
Tom Bushard (Staff)
Mike Clary (Staff)
Bill Fowler (Staff)
Betty Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

HUNTINGTON CENTRAL PARK

Tom Cooper
Lee Mossteller
Charles Osterlund (Chairman)
Norma Vander Molen
Norm Worthy (Staff)
Vivian Boms (Staff)
Tom Bushard (Staff)
Vick Morris (Staff)
Dave Winkler (Staff)
Betty Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Raul Duarte
Marilyn Jensen
Bill Osness (Chairman)
Charles Osterlund
Norm Worthy (Staff)
Vivian Boms (Staff)
Jim Engle (Staff)
Betty Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

PARK NAMING AND MEMORIALS

Joe Costa
Raul Duarte
Nancy Nemoede (Chairman)
Howard Roop
Norm Worthy (Staff)
Vick Morris (Staff)
Betty Kennedy (Ex-Officio)

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BETTY KENNEDY
Chairperson



NORMA VANDER MOLEN
Vice-Chairperson



TOM COOPER



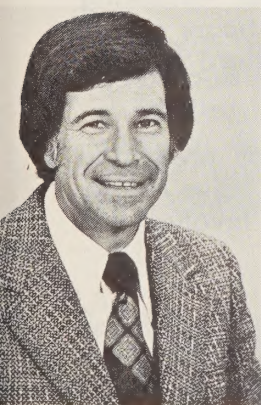
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MARILYN JENSEN



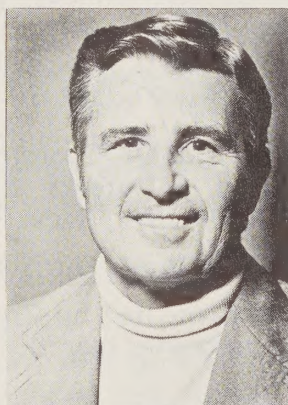
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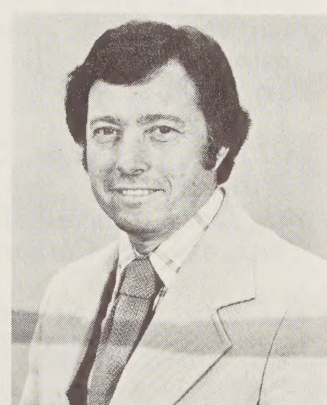
JOE COSTA



BILL OSNESS



HOWARD ROOP



CHARLES OSTERLUND

NANCY NEMOEDE, NOT PICTURED

1979 ADOPTED CITY GOALS PERTAINING TO THE
HARBORS, BEACHES RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

1. Maintain current level of recreation, cultural activities, library, information, parks, beaches and human services.
2. Consider parks and beaches as recreation facilities.
3. Utilize a partial volunteer labor system as a basic component of department operations.
4. Promote civic pride and identification.
5. Continue to develop parks at four (4) acres per 1,000 residents.
6. No recreational facility shall be provided unless funds for operation and maintenance are guaranteed.
7. Utilize community schools to the greatest possible extent in regard to sports and cultural activities.
8. Increase revenue from recreation program user fees.

PRESENTATIONS

In August, Chairperson Kennedy presented Dr. Tom Cooper a plaque for successfully receiving his "Doctorate" and for his successful efforts as "Chairman" of the Recreation and Parks Commission for fiscal years 1976-77 and 1977-78.

In November, Chairperson Kennedy presented a certificate to Mrs. Ella Christensen for her devotion to the residents of Huntington Beach. Mrs. Joan Oja, Seniors' Recreation Center Director, and Chairperson Kennedy presented certificates to the following members of Boy Scout Troop #568 in appreciation for their many volunteer hours at the Seniors' Center: Jim Weisshaar, Jeff Cox, Albert DeMoet, Bud Drake, Reinhard Stenzel, Ron Vergilio, John Waite, Glenn Wilson, Roy Wood, Lee J. Haber.

Ms. Kris Teachman, Oak View Center Coordinator, and Chairperson Kennedy presented certificates to the following volunteers at the Oak View Center: Steve Arlow, Kim Jones, Darrell Sickle, Bob Wright, Vicki Phillips and Shirley Bracken, Involvement Corps at Fluor Corporation, Irvine.

In February, certificates were presented by Chairperson Kennedy to the "A", "B" and "C" Boys' Flag Football City Championship teams.

Brian Mitchell was presented a certificate for winning the City Punt, Pass and Kick contest, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. He advanced in competition to Detroit, Michigan for the finals before losing.

The 1978 Flag Football Volunteer Coaches were also presented a department certificate in appreciation for their volunteer leadership hours during the past season.

VOGELGESANG RECOGNITION

In March, the Commission recommended the City Council give appropriate recognition, such as a proclamation or resolution, to Nancy and Chuck Vogelgesang for their outstanding service to the Pleasant View School and Park, to be presented at the Pleasant View Park dedication ceremonies on April 6. ACTION: Approved, with resolution presented by Councilman Yoder at the Pleasant View Park dedication ceremony.

PARK ACQUISITION

The following actions were taken by the Commission relative to the acquisition of property for future recreational facility development.

CITY GYM AND POOL SITE

In September, the Commission recommended the .78 acre site the City Gym occupies be included in a request for Housing and Community Development funding for \$150,000 and that staff seek an appraisal of the property and negotiate purchase from the City School District. ACTION: City Administrator deferred this request in that the City has a 20-year lease on the property terminating in 1988 at \$1 per year.

WARNER/SANDRA LEE PARKWAY

In September, the Commission recommended the City offer to develop and maintain, as a low maintenance beautification site, the .7 acre surplus County property at Warner Avenue entrance off Sandra Lee Street, provided the County deed the property to the City. ACTION: The City Council rejected this request as they felt the maintenance cost would outweigh the aesthetic benefits.

HUNTINGTON CENTRAL PARK/SMALL LOTS

In September, the Commission recommended the City acquire eleven 25' x 112' lots within the Phase III area of Huntington Central Park at \$1,000 each under the County tax collector's sale #1255. ACTION: The City Council purchased the eleven lots as recommended.

PARK DESIGN

In March, the Commission recommended the following priorities be followed by the Landscape Architect for design of Huntington Beach parks: 1) Huntington Central Park, 2) Moffett, Summerfield, Faith Lutheran, Lambert Phase II and including park site 975 when an agreement for joint development is approved between the Ocean View School District and the City. ACTION: Approved and direction followed with inclusion of Oak View Center Park, a Housing and Community Development-funded project.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

PARK SITE #974 - DELAWARE AND DETROIT

In September, the Commission recommended that park site #974, Delaware and Detroit, be included in Housing and Community Development funding in the amount of \$175,000 for development. ACTION: Not approved by City Council for HCD funding.

NEWLAND HOUSE LANDSCAPING

In October, the Commission recommended the Newland House landscape plan prepared by Mrs. Shirley Kerins be submitted for environmental review by the Planning Department staff for further evaluations. Also, that a negative declaration be allowed rather than requirement of an Environmental Impact Report. ACTION: A negative declaration was prepared, but deferred until an archaeological study was completed.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

In September, the Commission recommended the reopening of Adventure Playground during the fall, winter and spring from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends, which would require a City subsidy of approximately \$5,000 if approved by City Council. ACTION: Subsidy not allowed. Playground closed during Christmas vacation due to flooding.

In February, the Commission recommended the playground be reconstructed according to a staff approved plan designed by Mr. Blake Hinman, Adventure Playground Director, on a three-acre site (northwest corner of Taylor and Goldenwest Streets). ACTION: Playground reconstructed by City park crews with City equipment and opened in June, 1979.

FRANKLIN PARK SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT

In June, the Commission recommended additional equipment be installed in Franklin Park: a slide with canopy, three picnic tables, an exercise trail, log steps and several more trees. ACTION: Recommendation conveyed to Westminster School District for further study and approval.

TRINIDAD ISLAND PLAY EQUIPMENT

In August, the Commission approved substitution of Big Toy Playground apparatus EIM and FIM for Timberform 1321 and 1323, respectively, for installation on Trinidad Beach and Greenbelt development. ACTION: Approved and carried out.

OAK VIEW CENTER PARK

In June, the Commission recommended approval of the schematic design of Oak View Center Park as presented by Architect Alan Ribera and requested City Council approve the working drawings and specifications be completed by Cardoza-Dilallo of Costa Mesa. ACTION: Approved and carried out.

CITY GYM PARKING LOT

In September, the Commission recommended the City acquire a 50' x 117' lot on the west corner of 16th Street and Palm Avenue, which is adjacent to a City-owned lot of the same size, for future development as a parking lot to serve City Gym and Pool patrons. Housing and Community Development funds were recommended in the amount of \$100,000. ACTION: City Council approved \$106,000 for purchase in the 1979-80 Park Acquisition and Development Fund budget.

PARK SITE #870 - PALM AND GOLDENWEST

In October, the Commission recommended retention of park site #870, east corner of Palm Avenue and Goldenwest Street within the City Open Space and Conservation Plan to the Planning Commission. ACTION: Deferred, pending further input from citizens and the City Council.

REMNANT PARCEL - BROOKHURST AND BUSHARD

In December, the Commission concurred with the Planning Department to allow credit against park fees to Ayres Construction Company for park site #974 in return for City ownership of a 6,000 square foot remnant parcel of land at Brookhurst and Bushard Streets for landscaping purposes. ACTION: Deferred for further negotiations between City and Ayres Construction Company.

LAKE PARK PARKING LOT/BALL FIELD

In January, the Commission recommended the \$85 per month lease of the Lake Park parking lot on the southeast corner of Lake and Memphis be terminated with the Huntington Beach Company and that the Public Works Department return the property to its original condition. ACTION: Approved and carried out.

In June, the Commission recommended the "property tax payment" lease of the northeast corner of Lake and Memphis be terminated with the Huntington Beach Company to allow the informal ball diamond to be developed as home sites. ACTION: Approved.

RANCHO VIEW BRIDGE

In August, the Commission recommended to City Council that the existing bridge across the flood channel north of Rancho View School and future park site be retained at a savings of \$6,700 which should be used in development of the park after it is approved to become a part of the City's General Plan. ACTION: City Council retained the bridge and approved Rancho View Park site in the amendment to the General Plan.

OCEAN VIEW NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

In June, the Commission recommended approval of \$15,600 for purchase of four new backstops and that Ocean View National Little League be relocated to Park View School adjacent to Murdy Community Park. ACTION: Approved.

SIM'S GROVE TREE THINNING

In January, the Commission recommended removal of up to ten eucalyptus trees within Sim's Grove to allow a circulation roadway to improve ingress and egress and improved maintenance capability of the City. ACTION: Approved.

PARK NAMING

In March, the Commission recommended the City Council approve the names of the following parks to be dedicated on April 6:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED NAME</u>
Seabridge Island	4.5 acres	Seabridge Park (after Roy Seabridge, Huntington Beach Mayor 1952-56)
Trinidad Island Beach	.5 acres	Trinidad Beach-Park
Trinidad Island Greenbelt	3.0 acres	Conrad Park (after Elson Conrad, Huntington Beach Mayor 1931-34)
Trinidad Island Vista	.3 acres	French Park (after Eugene E. French, Huntington Beach Mayor 1918-19)
Trinidad Island Viewpoint	.2 acres	Prince Park (after Leslie J. Prince, Deceased Huntington Beach Police Officer)

ACTION: City Council approved.

HUNTINGTON CENTRAL PARK

TALBERT LAKE REMEDIAL STUDY

In August the Commission recommended the main body and eastern arm of Talbert Lake be remedied per the plan presented by J. Harlan Glenn to allow it to hold water year round regardless of the water table level and to allow the other arms of the lake to seasonally seek their own water level. Also, that \$25,000 in encumbered funds be used on a time and material basis to accomplish the work. ACTION: Remedial work not approved.

HCP CONCESSION COMPANY

In September the Commission took a "straw vote" on the concessionaire's request for approval of a beer and wine license for Tom's Place. Eight were in favor with three on a trial basis and only two were against. The Commission then referred review of the proposed sublease by Jack Lynde to the HCP Committee.

In April the Commission recommended the HCP Concession Company be allowed to apply for a beer and wine license for Tom's Place. ACTION: Denied by City Council.

HUD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In December the Commission recommended Eckbo, Dean, Austin and Williams, park architects, redesign the group picnic shelter and adjacent parking lot and to exclude in their design the additional Nature Center improvement with a total budget not to exceed \$500,000. ACTION: Approved.

In March the Commission recommended that the Nature Center stream be eliminated from the proposed bid package, that staff analyze the amount of individual project items and if they match the federal fund amount of \$143,700, that staff proceed with bids. ACTION: Bid package approved by City Council. Contract awarded to Magnus Company of Fullerton for \$291,000.

ELLIS REALIGNMENT

In March the Commission recommended the City Council adopt the Ellis Street alignment (straight) as depicted in the Kimmel Traffic Study between Goldenwest and Edwards Streets. ACTION: Deferred by Planning until further traffic studies are completed from Pacific Coast Highway easterly to the park.

BRUCE BROTHERS PIT

In April the Commission recommended the Bruce Brothers Pit (site of old Adventure Playground) be opened to the general public as a fill site for inert material (asphalt, concrete, dirt, sand and gravel) for a predetermined fee. ACTION: Approved and filling is in progress.

HCP CONCESSION COMPANY

In November the Commission recommended Dr. Tom Cooper serve on the City negotiating committee to buy out the Master Concessionaire if it is the desire of the City Council. ACTION: Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS

ANNUAL REPORT

In September the Commission recommended to staff that the Commission Annual Report be a composit of the entire Recreation, Parks and Human Service Department.

ACTION: A Staff Annual Report was also authorized to cover the scope of the consolidated departments for calendar year 1979. Since the staff report will cover all facets of the department, the Commission Report will be composed of Commission actions.

DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION

In October the Commission conveyed to the City Council that based on the "Evaluation of the feasibility of combining Recreation and Parks Maintenance Division and Harbors and Beaches Division" committee report that no justification was shown and consolidation of departments should not take place. They also recommended a management audit by an outside firm be undertaken to study the current operations of both departments and the relationship of the Commission and its function to the departments if there is to be a future consolidation. ACTION: The City Council consolidated the departments effective January 4, 1980. They indicated the Commissions roll would be expanded to include beach and harbors activities.

COMMISSION OR BOARD?

In November the Commission recommended to the City Council that the Recreation and Parks Commission remain a "commission" rather than be classified a "board". ACTION: City Council concurred.

MILE SQUARE PARK

In November the Commission recommended to the City Administrator that Huntington Beach support the Fountain Valley plan for the passive development of the remaining acreage within the confines of the County's Mile Square Regional Park which was recently adopted by the Fountain Valley Recreation and Parks Commission and Fountain Valley City Council. ACTION: Plan approved by Huntington Beach City Council and Orange County Board of Supervisors.

DISC GOLF COURSE

In March the Commission reviewed the disc golf concept for installation of a course in Edison Community Park and referred the idea back to staff for further study. ACTION: Under study for feasibility.

PARK REGULATION SIGNS

In March the Commission recommended park "rules and regulations" signs be placed in all Huntington Beach parks. ACTION: Approved and signs ordered.

COMMISSION/STAFF RELATIONSHIP

In April the Commission recommended a meeting with staff to discuss their role and relationship using the "Survey of Commission Staff Relationships" as a guide for discussion. ACTION: Approved by staff and implemented.

PARK TOUR

In April the Commission agreed to take a tour of City parks with staff to see firsthand newly developed parks, park sites to be developed and maintenance problems. ACTION: Tour conducted April 28.

REVENUES

In June the Commission recommended to the City Council 1) that all new revenues derived from recreation and park activities be placed in the Recreation and Parks Department budget, 2) that a specific replacement schedule for capital equipment be adopted, and 3) that the feasibility of instituting a City-wide park maintenance district be studied. ACTION: Referred to staff for further study.

PARK ANALYSIS REPORT

In May the Commission recommended further study of the park analysis report and requested staff to schedule a study session with the Commission in preparation for setting a public hearing. ACTION: Public hearing held on May 30.

In June the Commission recommended to the City Council that the present master plan for parks be maintained and park development be implemented as prioritized with alternative methods of maintenance devised. ACTION: Joint Council-Commission study session set.

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